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1. Effective 1 January 1954 a new department was established within the East German Ministry of Health. It is called the Department for Electrotherapy and Radioactive Treatment (Abteilung Elektromedizin und Radioaktive Behandlung). For the time being the department is manned by one person only, Dipl. Phys. Degener (fnu), who at the same time is and remains scientific cooperator at the Tumor Clinics in the Charité Hospital in East Berlin. Personnel strength of the new department is scheduled to be increased at a later date.
2. One of the tasks assigned to Degener is the distribution of radium, thorium X, cobalt 60, phosphorus 12 and radioactive sulphur. These materials are imported and distributed by the Ministry of Health.

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